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Barnes & Thornburg's Rosemond Named 'Nation's Best' Honoree

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FORT WAYNE – A national organization that promotes diversity in the legal profession has named Barnes & Thornburg's Dawn R. Rosemond an honoree of its inaugural "Nation's Best" list.

Lawyers of Color recognized Rosemond, a partner and the firm's director of diversity, professional development and inclusion, at a recent reception in Chicago for Midwest Region honorees. Honorees include lawyers in private practice as well as in-house corporate counsel.

"It is a distinct honor to be recognized along with so many accomplished lawyers," Rosemond said. "I accept this honor with a sense of pride because of the significant strides Barnes & Thornburg has made over the last several years in supporting our diverse lawyers."

A selection committee made up of Lawyers of Color fellows, advisers, and editorial staff chose attorneys who had noteworthy accomplishments and a commitment to diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. The inaugural awards honored lawyers in six regions across the United States.

Rosemond is the first African-American female to make equity partner at Barnes & Thornburg. She now leads the firm's diversity and inclusion initiatives. Recent strides include an increase in the firm's representation of women and minorities in its partnership ranks, the creation of a diverse supplier program to promote value-driven procurement; launch of a new parental leave benefits policy affording effective January 1, *all* Barnes & Thornburg teammates 16 weeks of leave at 100 percent pay; and the formation of a new professional development program called *VISION*, which includes a signature firmwide sponsorship effort designed to

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